

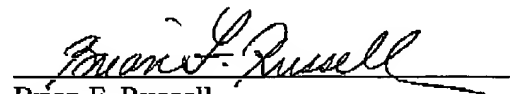
REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire November 10, 2004.

In paragraph 19 of the present Office Action, Claims 17-19 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 7 and 12 to include the features formerly recited in Claims 17-19, respectively, which are canceled herein. In view of these amendments and the Examiner's indication of allowability, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be required. If any fee or extension of time is required, please charge any necessary fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account 50-0563.

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